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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS

### 1. ATMOSPHERICS:

U.S. CHINA POLICY  
--WITH LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS IN FULL SWING, INTERNATIONAL  
NEWS COVERAGE WAS KEPT TO MINIMUM LAST WEEK. CHINESE PAPERS  
SUSPENDED PUBLICATION FOR TWO DAYS OVER LUNAR NEW YEAR WITH  
ONE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PAPER CONTINUING THROUGH HOLIDAY PERIOD  
WITH 4-PAGE EDITION. TV-RADIO EXTENDED BROADCAST SCHEDULE WITH  
PRE-TAPED PROGRAMMING, HIGHLIGHTED BY PREMIER CHINAG'S NEW  
YEAR MESSAGE CARRIED IN MANDARIN, FOLLOWED BY DUBBED-IN  
TAIWANESE REPEAT. LEADING CIRCULATION DAILY UNITED DAILY NEWS  
(LIEN HO PAO, 420,000) CARRIED LETTER TO CARTER FROM WANG  
YUN-WU, 89-YEAR-OLD SENIOR ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT  
YEN CHIA-KAN AND FORMER VICE PREMIER OF EXECUTIVE YUAN.  
WANG COMPLIMENTED CARTER ON NEW ADMINISTRATION'S FRESH STYLE,  
PARTICULARLY ITS EMPHASIS MORALITY IN GOVERNMENT, PROTECTING  
HUMAN RIGHTS. BUT, WANG ALSO QUESTIONED CARTER ON NUMBER OF  
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POINTS: 1) HUANG CHEN, REPRESENTATIVE OF COUNTRY WITH WHICH  
U.S. HAS NO DIPLOMATIC TIES, WAS RECEIVED BY BOTH PRESIDENT  
AND SECRETARY OF STATE, MEANWHILE, ROC AMBASSADOR JAMES SHEN HAS  
BEEN RECEIVED BY NEITHER OF THE TWO. IN FACT, IN TWO TALKS  
WITH UNDER SECRETARY HABIB, THE AMBASSADOR HAS YET TO RECEIVE  
CLARIFICATION U.S. CHINA POLICY.  
WHY IS CARTER ADMINISTRATION SO POLITE TO UNOFFICIAL REPRESENTA-

TIVE AND SO INDIFFERENT TO FAITHFUL ALLY? 2) SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE IS NO FORMAL TREATY. IT WAS SIGNED BY DISGRACED PRESIDENT AND IS NOT LEGALLY BINDING. WHY, WANG WONDERED, IS CARTER NOW REFERRING CONSTANTLY TO COMMUNIQUE, IN SHARP CONTRAST TO LACK OF COMMENT ON DOCUMENT DURING CAMPAIGN? 3) CARTER HAS STRONGLY CONDEMNED USSR FOR OPPRESSING A FEW RUSSIAN INTELLECTUALS, BUT HE FAILS ACKNOWLEDGE MAO AND COHORTS HAVE MURDERED MILLIONS. WANG ASKED, DOES CARTER REGARD LIFE AND LIBERTY OF CAUCASIANS AS BEING MORE VALUABLE THAN THAT OF ORIENTALS? 4) PRC REGIME IS ON POINT OF COLLAPSE. ACCORDING TO WANG, MILLIONS OF OPPRESSED CHINESE ARE IN REBELLION. A FRIENDLY MOVE BY U.S. AT THIS TIME WOULD INDICATE SUPPORT FOR THIS TYRANNICAL REGIME. WHAT WOULD U.S. GAIN BY DOING THIS? 5) DURING WAR OF RESISTANCE AGAINST JAPAN, CCP MADE MANY PROMISES, BUT BROKE THEM ALL. WHY SHOULD AMERICANS TRUST THEM NOW? ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS (20,000) CARRIED LONG EDITORIAL DESCRIBING AND STRONGLY ENDORSING POINT OF VIEW EXPRESSED IN WANG'S LETTER. PAPER SEEMED PARTICULARLY OFFENDED CARTER RECEIVED HUANG CHEN WHILE NOT EXTENDING SAME COURTESY JAMES SHEN. PAPER SAID: "THE SOVIET UNION HAS DISSIDENTS. THE CHINESE MAINLAND HAS THE TIGHTEST TYRANNY ON EARTH. JIMMY CARTER PRESUMABLY WOULD NOT SIT DOWN WITH IDI AMIN. WHY DOES HE THINK HUANG CHEN IS ANY BETTER?" AN INTERESTING SIDE NOTE EDITORIAL SAID THAT WANG SHOULD NOT HAVE ACCUSED CARTER OF BEING RACIST IN HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD CHINESE. "RACISM HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH U.S. POLICIES IN ASIA AND MAY CONFUSE THE CRUCIAL ISSUES WHICH PROFESSOR WANG IS RAISING," NEWS CONCLUDED.

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-- UNITED DIALY NEWS CARRIED AP-HONGKONG DISPATCH THAT QUOTED FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW AS SAYING PRC HAS INDICATED IN MEETING WITH DAVID ROCKEFELLER THAT IT IS INTERESTED IN RESOLVING LONG-STANDING DISPUTE OVER FROZEN AMERICAN-CHINESE ASSETS.

## 2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

-- CHINA TELEVISION COMPANY OVER LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS TELECAST 15-MINUTE PROGRAM OF INTERVIEWS WITH CARTER RELATIVES AND FRIEND IN PLAINS. INTERVIEWS INCLUDED CARTER MOTHER-IN-LAW, UNCLE AND PLAINS STOREKEEPER ON IMPRESSIONS CARTER ELECTION (POSITIVE). THIS AND OTHER INTERVIEWS (I.E. CRONKITE, REPRESENTATIVE WOLFF AND GEORGETOWN'S RAY CLINE) OBTAINED BY CTV TEAM DURING U.S. VISIT COVER INAUGURATION. OTHER INTERVIEWS STILL PENDING. CTV INITIATIVE ON INAUGURATION COVERAGE AND INTERVIEWS REFLECTS CONFIDENCE OF NETWORK'S STAFF IN HANDLING FOREIGN ASSIGNMENTS. CONFIDENCE AND STATION WILLINGNESS FUND SPECIAL EVENTS COVERAGE CAN BE TRACED TO

CTV-USIS COOPERATIVE TELEVISION PROJECT IN 1972 WHEN CTV  
GAINED VALUABLE EXPERIENCE IN U.S. PRODUCING HIGHER  
EDUCATION FOUR-PART SERIES ASSISTED BY USIS TAIPEI AND USIA-  
WASHINGTON.

-- PRESIDENT YEN REQUESTED VIDEOTAPE FIRST PROGRAM  
IN TRANSITION '77 SERIES FOR PRIVATE SHOWING. PROGRAM  
ALSO OFFERED TV NETS AND SPECIAL SHOWING AT USIS PLANNED  
FOR LOCAL NEWSMEN.

-- USIS KAHSIUNG BPAO JON THOMSON DELIVERED 30-  
MINUTE CHINESE SPEECH FEBRUARY 22 TO 150 MEMBERS KAOHSIUNG  
JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S ELECTION  
CAMPAIGN AND PLICIES, EMPAHSIZING HUMAN RIGHTS IN FOREIGN  
POLICY AND IMPROVED GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY. AUDIENCE INCLUDED  
MAYOR AND KMT CHIEF. WIRELESS FILE PROVIDED MAJOR SOURCE  
FOR BPAO SPEECH.

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